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1. Food in East Germany will sell for the following lower prices effective 1 September 1953:

Bread, mixed (Mischbrot)	per 3 lbs from	1.02 DME to	.82 DME
White bread	per kg. from	1.20 DME to	1.00 DME
Margarine	per kg. from	4.00 DME to	3.40 DME

Textiles are also to be lowered in price. An overall inventory was ordered for 31 August 1953.

2. Research has been ordered to develop a process for baking goods with infrared irradiation. This process is supposed to give a better taste to the goods; it is also cheaper than the older heat method.
3. Large amounts of baked goods, particularly bread, that will not spoil or grow stale (Dauerbackware, Dauerbrot) are to be produced. They are allegedly for personnel on fishing schooners.
4. At the direction of the Soviet Occupation Authorities in Karlshorst, East Germany must import 10,000 metric tons of wheat flour, type 405 (the best grade possible), from Hungary during September 1953.
5. No Western technical journals are allowed in the Ministry for Foodstuffs Industry. Subscriptions were cancelled by the minister effective 1 July 1953.

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